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Report from Salina Cruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessel.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McPherson reports, January 1:

During the period from December 16 to 31, inclusive, 1 steamship was inspected and fumigated on clearing from this port for the United States.

PERSIA.

Report from Tabriz—Epidemic scarlet fever—Cholera still prevalent.

Consul Doty reports, December 9:

During the past 3 months more than 10,000 deaths have occurred here, including 300 Armenians, from a most virulent form of scarlet fever, deaths resulting in many cases after 5 or 6 hours. There is at present no apparent abatement of the disease.

There have been about 500 deaths from cholera during the past 2 months. This malady continues here despite a recent fall of snow, 10 or 12 inches on the level.

A hospital is to be opened especially to meet the emergency of these epidemics.

PERU.

Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Status of plague in Peru—Smallpox at Lima—Plague at Iquique, Chile—Smallpox in vicinity of Talcahuano, Chile.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gutierrez reports, December 17:

During the week ended December 12, 3 vessels were fumigated and granted bills of health. They carried an aggregate personnel of 208 in the crew, 100 cabin and 118 steerage passengers.

The following is the latest report of plague in Peru received from the Director de Salubridad Publica:

| Locality. | Cases, Nov. 20. | New. | Recovered. | Died. | Remaining, Dec. 3. |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Lima | 9 | 7 | 4 | ..... | 12 |
| Callao | 2 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 1 |
| Trujillo (city) | 30 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 31 |
| Trujillo (country) | | 17 | | 2 | |
| Chepen | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Lambayeque | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| San Pedro | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Monsefu | 3 | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... |
| Chiclayo | 1 | 5 | ..... | 3 | 3 |
| Ferreñafe | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Eten ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | 2 | 1 |
| Mollendo | 1 | 2 | ..... | 1 | 1 |
| Hacienda Oyotun | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 |

From November 20 to December 10, 4 cases of smallpox were reported at Lima. On December 10 there were 6 cases isolated in the hospital.

Since November 16 no new cases of plague have been reported at Callao.

Bills of health report plague in Chile as follows: December 6, 1 case of plague in the lazaretto at Iquique; 1 case in two weeks. A bill of health from Talcahuano reports, November 20, that there is smallpox 10 miles in the interior.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Cholera in Manila and the Provinces—Cholera decreasing in Manila—Inspection of vessels—Quarantine transactions, October, 1908.

Chief Quarantine Officer McClintic reports, December 8:

Week ended December 5.

Seven new cases of cholera with 5 deaths were reported for the city of Manila.

Cholera is gradually disappearing from the city, only a few sporadic cases being reported during the past week. The house-to-house inspection that was again put in force a week or so ago has been discontinued, as it did not show that the decrease in the number of cases was largely due to concealing and not reporting cases.

The bureau of health is making every endeavor to improve the sanitary condition of the city, particularly in the tenement districts, in order to prevent further outbreaks of the disease in the future. The extent of the undertaking may be appreciated when it is taken into consideration that much of the land in Manila is low and marshy, and that many of the lower classes have their homes in these wet, insanitary localities.

During the week the following cases and deaths were reported as having occurred in the provinces:

| Province. | Cases. | Deaths. |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Samar..... | 7 | 0 |
| Bulacan..... | 23 | 19 |
| Leyte..... | 21 | 17 |
| Ilocos Sur..... | 14 | 12 |
| Capiz..... | 112 | 63 |
| Cavite..... | 3 | 3 |
| Iloilo..... | 14 | 4 |
| Occidental Negros..... | 46 | 31 |
| Antique..... | 52 | 30 |
| Laguna..... | 2 | 2 |
| Ilocos Norte..... | 45 | 35 |
| Cagayan..... | 18 | 11 |
| Total..... | 360 | 227 |

During the week consular bills of health were issued as follows: December 4, the British steamship *Seneca*, with 49 in the crew and with 1 passenger, en route from Macassar to Boston and New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection of cargo and personnel. December 5, the British steamship *Muncaster Castle*, with 47 in the crew, en route from New York to Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health. The crew was inspected prior to sailing.